an identification name step of designating an identification name related to a first process, a performance of which is employed as an execution condition for a second process to be performed;

a setup step of setting up, together with the identification name related to the first process, the second process that is to be performed when the first process related to the identification name designated in said identification name designation step has been performed;

a determination step of determining whether the first process related to the identification name designated in said identification name designation step has been performed; and

an execution step of performing, when the performance of the first process is determined in said determination step, the second process that is set up with the identification name related to the first process.

39-61. Cancelled herein.

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-21, 23, 24, 27-30, 32, 33, and 36-38 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 10, 19, 20, 29, and 38 are the independent claims.

Claims 22, 25, 26, 31, 34, 35, and 39-61 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 1-21, 23, 24, 27-30, 32, 33, and 36-38 have been amended. Applicants submit that at least the amendments to Claims 2-9, 11-18, 21,

24, 27, 28, 30, 33, 36, and 37 merely improve their form and do not affect the scope of these claims. No new matter has been added.

Pending Claims 23, 24, 32, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, while not conceding the propriety of the rejection, and solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended Claims 23 and 32. Claims 24 and 33 depend from Claims 23 and 32, respectively, and were rejected on that basis. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Pending Claims 1-21, 23, 24, 27-30, 32, 33, and 36-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,291,302 (Gordon, et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The rejection of independent Claims 1, 10, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102 should be withdrawn because the cited art does not teach all of the features of these claims. Independent Claims 1, 10, and 19 recite, inter alia, . . . executing the command set up by said setup means (Claim 1) or in said setup step (Claims 10 and 19) when the process designated by said process designation means (Claim 1) or in said process designation step (Claims 10 and 19) is performed on the object information related to the identification name designated by said identification name designation means (Claim 1) or in said identification name designation step (Claims 10 and 19). Thus, because the cited art does not teach at least the features, it does not anticipate the inventions of independent Claims 1, 10, and 19.

The rejection of independent Claims 20, 29, and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §102 should be withdrawn because the cited art does not teach all of the features of these claims. Independent Claims 20, 29 and 38 recite, inter alia, . . . performing, when the performance of the first process

is determined by said determination means (Claim 20) or in said determination step (Claims 29 and 38), the second process that is set up with the identification name related to the first process. Thus, the cited art does not anticipate the inventions of independent Claims 20, 29, and 38.

Gordon, et al. relates to a facsimile telecommunications system and method and teaches that, during a fax operation, an originating machine 1 transmits fax document image data and that Store and Forward Facilities (SAFF) store the originating machine's identification, the destination machine's telephone number, the fax format, and the document image data to return so as to (1) generate an "Acceptance Record" and (2) deliver the fax message to the destination machine 28. Further, when a fax transmission is successful, a "Delivery Record" is returned to the originating machine. When a fax transmission is unsuccessful or the line is busy, a "Retry Record" is returned to the originating machine. And, when a retry effort is ultimately unsuccessful, a "Delivery Record" is appended to a "Transaction File" and sent back to the originating machine. Thus, Gordon, et al. teaches that a message is returned to the originating machine for each fax transmission. Absent from Gordon, et al., however, is a teaching of the aforesaid features of either independent Claims 1, 10, and 19 or independent Claims 20, 29, and 38. Thus, at least for this reason, Applicants submit that the cited art does not anticipate independent Claims 1, 10, 19, 20, 29, and 38.

Kaplan relates to enhancement of a facsimile machine for flexible notification of a facsimile sender and teaches that a user can specify the time, manner, place, and condition of the notification of a facsimile result. However, Applicants submit that Kaplan does not teach the aforesaid features of independent Claims 1, 10, 19, 20, 29, and 38.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 10, 19, 20, 29, and 38 patentably define the present invention over the cited art. Further, the

dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as the base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite.

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action and submits that the application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the patent application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

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APPENDIX

VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

1.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

identification name [attribute] designation means for designating an

identification name related to [attribute of] object information;

process designation means for designating a process for the [said] object

information;

setup means for setting up a command to be executed; and

execution means for executing the [said] command set up by said setup means

when the [upon the performance of said] process designated by said process designation means is

performed on the [for said] object information related to the identification name [having said

attribute] designated by said identification name [attribute] designation means.

2.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further

comprising:

time limit setup means for setting a time limit; and

inhibition means for inhibiting said execution means for executing a command

when the [said] time limit set by said time limit setup means has expired.

3.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

status designation means for designating the status of said apparatus; and

permission means for permitting said execution means to execute a command when the [said] status designated by said status designation means is established.

4.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the [said] attribute of the [said] object information includes at least one of an information name, an information transmitter name, and an information sender name.

5.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the [said] process includes at least one of the reception, of the transmission, and of the printing of the [said] object information.

6.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the [said] command includes a command for issuing a notification that said designated process has been completed.

7.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the [said] command includes a command for performing a further process related to the [said] object information.

8.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 7,

wherein the [said] further process includes at least one of the printing or of the holding of the [said]

object information.

9.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 2, further

comprising:

management means for deleting a command set by said setup means when the

[said] time limit set by said time limit setup means has expired.

10.   (Amended) An information processing method comprising:

an identification [attribute] designation step of designating an identification

name related to [attribute of] object information;

a process designation step of designating a process for the [said] object

information;

a setup step of setting up a command to be executed; and

an execution step of executing the [said] command set up in [at] said setup

step when the [upon the performance of said] process designated in [at] said process designation step

is performed on the [for said] object information related to the identification name [having said

attribute] designated in [at] said identification name [attribute] designation step.

11.   (Amended) An information processing method according to claim 10, further

comprising:

a time limit setup step of setting a time limit; and

an inhibition step of inhibiting the execution of a command in [at] said

execution step when the [said] time limit set in [at] said time limit setup step has expired.

12.   (Amended) An information processing method according to claim 10, further

comprising:

a status designation step of designating the status of an apparatus; and

a permission step of permitting the execution of a command in [at] said

execution step when the [said] status designated in [at] said status designation step is established.

13.   (Amended) An information processing method according to claim 10,

wherein the [said] attribute of the [said] object information includes at least one of an information

name, an information transmitter name, and an information sender name.

14.   (Amended) An information processing method according to claim 10,

wherein the [said] process includes at least one of the reception, of the transmission, and of the

printing of the [said] object information.

15.   (Amended)   An information processing method according to claim 10, wherein the [said] command includes a command for issuing a notification that the [said] designated process has been completed.

16.   (Amended)   An information processing method according to claim 10, wherein the [said] command includes a command for performing a further process related to the [said] object information.

17.   (Amended)   An information processing method according to claim 16, wherein the [said] further process includes at least one of the printing or of the holding of the [said] object information.

18.   (Amended) An information processing method according to claim 10, further comprising:

a management step of deleting a command set in [at] said setup step when the [said] time limit set in [at] said time limit setup step has expired.

19.   (Amended)   A storage medium on which is stored a program, which comprises:

an identification name [attribute] designation step of designating an identification name related to [attribute of] object information;

a process designation step of designating a process for the [said] object

information;

a setup step of setting up a command to be executed; and

an execution step of executing the [said] command set up in [at] said setup

step when the [upon the performance of said] process designated in [at] said process designation step

is performed on the [for said] object information related to the identification name [having said

attribute] designated in [at] said identification name [attribute] designation step.

20.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

identification name designation means for designating an identification name

related to a first process, a performance of which [a status that] is employed as an execution

condition for a second process to be performed;

setup means for setting up, together with the identification name related to the

first process, the second [said status, said] process that is to be performed when the first process

related to the identification name [said status] designated by said identification name designation

means has been performed [occurred];

determination means for determining whether the first process related to the

identification name [said status] designated by said identification name designation means has been

performed [occurred]; and

execution means for <u>performing</u>, when the <u>performance</u> [occurrence] of <u>the</u>

<u>first process</u> [said status] is determined by said determination means, <u>the second</u> [performing said]

process that is set up with <u>the identification name related to the first process</u> [said status].

21.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 20,

further comprising:

time period setup means for setting an effective time period; and

inhibition means for inhibiting said execution means from executing a

command at a time other than <u>the</u> [said] time period set by said time period setup means.

23.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 20,

<u>wherein said designation means designates a status during which a specific process is to be</u>

<u>performed,</u>

wherein at least one of the reception, of the transmission, and of the printing

can be designated as the [type for said] specific process.

24.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 23,

wherein at least one of a user name, of an apparatus, and of a process name can be designated as an

attribute for <u>the</u> [said] specific process.

27.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said setup means is capable of setting, as the [said] process to be executed, at least one of a notification, of a printing, and of a holding process.

28.   (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 20, that is capable of executing at [the] least one of [, either the] reading and [or the] printing of information.

29.   (Amended) An information processing method comprising:

an identification name [a designation] step of designating an identification name related to a first process, a performance of which [a status that] is employed as an execution condition for a second process to be performed;

a setup step of setting up, together with the identification name related to the first process, the second [said status, said] process that is to be performed when the first process related to the identification name [said status] designated in [at] said identification name designation step has been performed [occurred];

a determination step of determining whether the first process related to the identification name [said status] designated in [at] said identification name designation step has been performed [occurred]; and

an execution step of performing, when the performance [occurrence] of the first process [said status] is determined in [at] said determination step, the second [performing said] process that is set up with the identification name related to the first process [said status].

30.   (Amended) An information processing method according to claim 29, further

comprising:

a time period setup step of setting an effective time period; and

an inhibition step of inhibiting the execution of a command in [at] said

execution step at a time other than the [said] time period set in [at] said time period setup step.

32.   (Amended) An information processing method according to claim 29,

wherein a status during which a specific process is to be performed is designated in said designation

step,

wherein at least one of the reception, of the transmission, and of the printing

is capable of being designated as the [type for said] specific process.

33.   (Amended) An information processing method according to claim 32,

wherein at least one of a user name, of an apparatus, and of a process name is capable of being

designated as an attribute for the [said] specific process.

36.   (Amended) An information processing method according to claim 29,

wherein in [at] said setup step, at least one of a notification, of a printing, and of a holding process

is capable of being set as the [said] process to be executed.

37.   (Amended)   An information processing method according to claim 29,

wherein [whereby] at [the] least one of [, either the] reading and [or the] printing of information is

capable of being executed.

38.   (Amended)   A storage medium on which is stored a program, which

comprises:

an identification name [a designation] step of designating an identification

name related to a first process, a performance of which [a status that] is employed as an execution

condition for a second process to be performed;

a setup step of setting up, together with the identification name related to the

first process, the second [said status, said] process that is to be performed when the first process

related to the identification name [said status] designated in [at] said identification name designation

step has been performed [occurred];

a determination step of determining whether the first process related to the

identification name [said status] designated in [at] said identification name designation step has been

performed [occurred]; and

an execution step of performing, when the performance [occurrence] of the

first process [said status] is determined in [at] said determination step, the second [performing said]

process that is set up with the identification name related to the first process [said status].